(ग) ये कब तक आयोजित की जाएंगी ?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय (महिला और बाल विकास विभाग) में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती बासव राजेश्वरी) : (क) जी, नहीं। तथापि, महिलाओं और बच्चों से संबंधित विषयों पर शिक्षित करने एवं जन-चेतना जागृत करने के लिए कार्यशालाएं आयोजित करने हेतु गैर-सरकारी संगठनों को सीमित सहायता देने की सरकार की एक योजना है।

(ख) और (ग) केन्द्रीय समाज कल्याण बोर्ड द्वारा कार्यान्वित की जा रही, ग्रामीण एवं निर्धन महिलाओं के लिए जन-चेतना जागृति परियोजना के अंतर्गत, उत्तर प्रदेश में वर्ष 1993–94 के दौरान ऐसे 150 जन-चेतना जागृति शिविरों के आयोजन का लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया गया है।

District primary education programme

2160. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of districts in which the district primary education programme has been implemented; state-wise details;

(b) the progress made, so far, in this regard;

(c) to what extent, this programme is likely to achieve universal elementary education;

(d) whether any foreign funds are likely to be provided for the programme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) In keeping with the National Policy on Education and its Programme of Action, a new initiative to achieve universalisation of elementary education (UEE) has been evolved titled District Primary Education Programme'.. The programme seeks to operationalise the strategy for Universalisation of Elementary Education through district-specific planning and disaggregated target setting. The aim is the District Primary Education Programme is the reconstruction of primary education as a whole in the selected districts instead of piecemeal implementation of schemes. The District Primary Education programme seeks to cover districts where female literacy rates are below the national average and those where Total Literacy Campaigns have successfully generated a demand for elementary education. Under the District Primary Education Programme, 46 districts in 8 States have been selected for planning exercises. These include 4 districts in Assam, 4 in Orissa, 4 in Haryana, 4 in Karnataka, 19 in Madhya Pradesh, 5 in Maharashtra, 3 in Tamil Nadu and 3 in Kerala.

(d) and (e) The coverage of District Primary Education Programme is linked to the availability of external resources. Multi-lateral and bi-lateral external funding agencies have shown interest in providing financial assistances to the programme.

Age limit for the post of Principal in Kendriya Vidyalayas

2161. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the maximum age of PGTs of Kendriya Vidyalaya upto which they can apply for the post of Principal through direct quota has recently been fixed at 50 years, if so, when;

(b) the reasons therefor; and

(c) the authority at whose instance the decision has since been arrived at and executed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF